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SUBJECT: GOI PROTESTS NOTE ON PAKISTANI PROPAGANDA

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1. AN MEA OFFICIAL ON SEPT 8 PROVIDED QTE ON A PERSONAL BASIS UNQTE THE TEXT OF THE GOI NOTE TO PAKISTAN PROTESTING PAKISTANI PROPAGANDA. THE FULL TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:

QTE: IT HAS COME TO THE NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THAT PAKISTANI DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD ARE OFFICIALLY PROPAGATING THE VIEW THAT WHILE PAKISTAN IS FOLLOWING A POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INDIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDIA MIGHT BE PROMPTED TO RESORT TO A "DIVERSIONARY MOVE" OR OR AN "ADVENTUROUS COURSE" AGAINST PAKISTAN TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE STATE OF INTERNAL EMERGENCY IN INDIA. INSTANCES HAVE COME THE NOTICE WHERE PAKISTAN'S REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD HAVE SPOKEN PUBLICLY ON THESE LINES OR HAVE APPROACHED FOREIGN MISSIONS AND GOVERNMENT. AT OTHER PLACES, PAKISTANI MISSIONS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING ANTI-INDIA CONFIDENTIAL

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DEMONSTRATIONS USING THE BANNING OF THE JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI

IN INDIA, AS A PRETEXT.

QTE 2. ENCOURAGED BY THE OFFICIAL BACKING GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO THE BASELESS CHARGE THAT INDIA MIGHT RESORT TO A DIVERSIONARY MOVE AGAINST PAKISTAN, THE PAKISTAN PRESS HAS ENLARGED UPON THIS THEME AND IS NOW CARRYING ON A VIRULENT CAMPAIGN VILIGYING INDIA AND AROUSING EMOTIONS AGAINST INDIA IN A MANNER WHICH IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE PROMOTION OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. FOLLOWING THE RECENT MILITARY COUP IN BAGNLADESH, A NEW

SLANT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS ANTI-INDIA CAMPAIGN AND IT IS NOW BEING ALLEGED THAT INDIA HAS SOME "NEFARIOUS DESIGNS" AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND MIGHT ATTACK BANGLADESH. A STATEMENT GIVING SOME ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF THIS PRESS CAMPAIGN IS ENCLOSED.

QTE 3. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TAKES A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS OFFICIALLY-INSPIRED PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST INDIA, WHICH IS ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED AND IS IN VIOLATION OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT IN PARTICULAR THE PROVISION ON NON-DISSEMINATION OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA DIRECTED AGAINST EACH OTHER. TWO MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE STATE OF INTERNAL EMERGENCY IN INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IS WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROVOCATIVE ACT FROM THE INDIAN SIDE WHICH COULD POSSIBLY GIVE RISE TO THE KIND OF BASELESS ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE BEING OFFICIALWY PROPAGATED AGAINST INDIA. IF THIS KIND OF PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN CONTINUES, SETBACK TO THE PROCESS OF NORMALISING THE RE-LATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, THEREFORE. SEEK AN URGENT ASSURANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PUT A STOP TO THIS BASELESS AND MALICIOUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST INDIA AND IN PARTICULAR PAKISTANI MISSIONS ABROAD WILL BE IN-STRUCTED TO DESIST FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES AGAINST INDIA.

NEW DELHI, THE 28TH AUGUST, 1975. UNQTE.

2. POUCHING COPIES OF THE ENCLOSURE TO THE INDIAN NOTE. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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